

Site Name Region: INFRA or Forest Site ID
 Forest: District:



Site Type:

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| Trash Cans <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Tent Site <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Reasonable Visitor Protection <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| Fire Ring <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Drinking Water <input type="checkbox"/> | Access Roads <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| Fee Collection <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Toilet Facilities <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Picnic Tables <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |

Amenities- Must have 5 of 9

REA Fee Type

Change Summary

Action Requested:

Proposed Fee:

Start Date:

Expected Annual Occupancy (%):

Additional Fee Structure:

\$5 extra vehicle/night
 Recreation Pass for Day Use at the Trailhead

Current Situation

Date of Last Fee Increase:

Current Fee

Current Annual Occupancy (%)

Additional Fee Structure:

Recreation Pass required at the site

Financial Information

Annual O&M:

Deferred Maint. Backlog

Start-Up Costs

Current Revenue

Predicted Revenue

Difference in revenue associated with fee change:

Planned Accomplishments

- ☐ Increase Hours of Operation
- ☒ Improve facilities / Services
- ☒ Reduce Deferred Maintenance
- ☒ Maintain Site to Standard

Planned Accomplishments and Methods for Informing the Public:

Fees go towards maintaining and operating the site to standard and reducing deferred maintenance. Deferred maintenance includes picnic table, traffic barriers and fire ring replacement. Fees help create a base to leverage partnership work and other funds to upgrade the campground in the future including non-potable stock water source, and organizing/formalizing the campground for long term use and resource protection. Methods for informing the public include: onsite posters and publishing in the annual Forest Recreation Fee Program Accomplishment Report.

Reason for Changing Fee

Operating this campground and changing the fee structure to include a camping fee to help cover the cost of O&M of the site is an outcome of the RSFMP. The recommended fees would also help cover deferred maintenance as well as future improvements. The fee is consistent with other campgrounds within the region that offer similar amenities and services, and would be in line with market price. Comparable sites providing similar services & amenities range from an \$8 to \$14 camping fee and extra vehicle fees range from \$4 to \$7. Currently, a Recreation Pass is required at this site as a trailhead; however, no fees are charged for overnight camping. Recreation Passes for day use would continue to be accepted for trailhead use only. Visitors that pay an overnight camping fee would not need a Recreation Pass for day use. Volunteer passes will be provided to volunteers free of charge who contribute to the trail maintenance & upkeep of the campground facility.

- ☒ Align fee to local market
- ☐ Inflationary Increase
- ☒ Outcome of RSFMP Process
- ☒ Increase / Improve Service
- ☒ Add Amenity

Level of Complexity:

Results of Not Implementing Fee Change

The campground would continue to be operated and maintained below actual cost especially as the site is improved. This results in increasing deferred maintenance at this site and within the overall campground program. Reducing or eliminating services, or decommissioning or closing this site would result in adverse resource impacts, and a loss of a unique opportunity for equestrians in the area, and is not a viable alternative that was determined in the RSFMP.

- ☐ Reduce Season or Service
- ☐ Eliminate Season or Service
- ☐ Decommission Site
- ☐ Close Site

Public Participation

Have the following tasks been accomplished? ☒ Yes

New Fee Minimum Tasks

- Six months advance notice in Federal Register
- Announcement in local media
- Announcements near or in site where fee will be implemented
- Briefing with federal legislators (per WO direction)
- Give people an opportunity to review project plans (if completed) (from Interagency Federal Register Notice)

Fee Change Minimum Tasks

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Other Public Participation Tasks

Beginning June 2006, announcements for public comment regarding the proposal to add Harralson Horse Camp into the Recreation Fee Program was posted at the campground, at the Middle Fork Ranger District visitor information center and on the Willamette National Forest Website. Federal legislators were briefed about Willamette NF recreation fee program proposals on 5/30/06 and 7/14/06. A Federal Register was published on 11/29/06 (Volume 71, Number 229). A news release was sent out on January 8, 2007 to the local media resulting with two articles published; one in the Salem area Statesman Journal on 2/25/07 and another in the Mill City Independent Press on 1/24/07. A legal notice was published in the Eugene Register-Guard Newspaper on 2/6/07.

Public Participation Results

Representatives for Backcountry Horsemen of Oregon have met with Forest Service staff to discuss future development and operation of the horse camp, including possible amenities. Many volunteers who currently camp at the site do not pay a fee because they are provided with NWFP, which are currently honored at the site. An email response and a phone call both indicated a reluctance to pay a \$10 overnight fee for what they feel are limited amenities.

Brief Description of Project Area

Harralson Horse Camp is located on the Willamette National Forest, Middle Fork Ranger District about 65 miles east of Eugene, Oregon. Located near the shore of north Waldo Lake, the campground consists of 6 sites with fire rings and picnic tables. The campground is rustic, and new developments have been added over time to offset resource impacts, including addition of a new vault toilet through Secure Rural Schools Act (Payco) funding. The campground roadway and parking are gravel surfaced. Garbage service is provided. The campground is operated from July through October depending on snow. Because horses are not allowed in the North Waldo or Islet developed campgrounds on Waldo Lake, this site attracts people with stock who wish to ride the extensive trail system around the lake and into the Waldo Wilderness Area. Currently, a Recreation Pass is required at the site as a trailhead; however no fees are charged for overnight camping. Fee collection is currently through a self-service pay station at Shadow Bay Campground (a short drive away), or through use of a Recreation Pass. A new self-service fee tube will be installed onsite for either campground or trailhead day use fees.